

Bland County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting, September 24, 2002

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Courthouse, Bland, Virginia on the twenty-fourth day of September 2002, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler – Chairman, Robert O. Munsey, Danny Kinder

ABSENT: Wade D. Blankenship

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Hachey - County Administrator, Carol J. Hall - Secretary; John Rife - Assistant to the County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps and Marty Holloway – VDOT,

Wayne Quesenberry - The Bland County Messenger, and several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Supervisor Robert Munsey offered the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLIANCE

Supervisor Danny Kinder led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the September 24, 2002 agenda as presented was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2002 and continued meeting of September 5, 2002; 2) bills for the month of September 2002 in the amount of \$139,863.49 and bills for the month of August 2002 in the amount of \$6,819.59; 3) payroll for the second half of August 2002 and the first half of September 2002 in the amount of \$117,118.51; and 5) reports of the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official and E-911 Coordinator.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VDOT Resident Engineer Frank Phipps updated the Board in regards to projects underway including Rt. 611 that is ready for the base layer of stone, the Rt. 52 bridge repair in Bland, site

distance improvements at the intersection of Rt. 606 and Rt. 629 that can be paid for through safety money, and the completion of the Rt. 606 speed study with the results having been sent to Richmond for the CTB's review/approval.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Director Linda Johnson briefed the board on the energy assistance program and stated that applications will be taken Oct. 8th thru Nov. 8th for the program year running November 1, 2002 through March 15, 2003.

*****MOTION to approve the July 2002 Social Services report in the amount of \$48,706.57 with the local share being \$7,488.27 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

SCHOOLS

Dr. Alderman updated the Board on the results of the Standard of Achievement Tests. He also noted that the enrollment is 904 students and stated that the school's budget was based upon 890 students. Mr. Alderman informed the Board that the School Board has taken out an option on a piece of property below the school board office consisting of twelve acres.

*****MOTION to approve the school's October 2002 requisition in the amount of \$575,000.00 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

TREASURER JOANN SHEWEY BRIEFS BOARD

Treasurer JoAnn Shewey presented a financial summary for the first quarter of the fiscal year and advised that the 2002 tax tickets would be mailed out by October 18th using self-mailer envelopes.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney John Rife updated the Board in regards to the courthouse renovation project's financing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rescue Squad matters

Rocky Gap resident Jimmy Moses relinquished his allotted time until the October meeting since Board Member Mr. Blankenship was not in attendance and he wanted to speak to the full board.

Taxes & Purchase of Wimmer Lot

Rocky Gap resident Dane Havens expressed his concern and opinion that the tax reassessment had been unfairly done. He did not mention the Wimmer property.

Courthouse addition

Bland resident Debbie Looney presented a petition of signatures requesting a formal hearing describing and outlining the costs and design of the courthouse addition project and requested that a committee of citizens be chosen to have an input on this matter.

APPOINTMENTS

Industrial Development Authority

*****MOTION to appoint Linda Townley to the Industrial Development Authority for a four year term to expire on September 30, 2006 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from meeting.

DOMINION GAS REQUEST ENDORSEMENT OF TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Board briefly discussed this matter. Since Mr. Blankenship was not able to be at this meeting and this project affected his constituents, the Board instructed the County Administrator to contact Mr. Blankenship and that if he was not opposed to sending a letter of support, then the Chair was authorized to send one to the company.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AWARDED SURPLUS LUMINA

*****MOTION to allocate the 1996 Lumina to the Department of Social Services for employee use was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

CAROLINE COUNTY TOURISM REQUEST

The request from Caroline County for input on their project to market colonial historical assets for all communities in the Commonwealth was given to Linda Bradshaw of the Wolf Creek Indian Village for the Historical Society's review and any decision to participate was tabled until the October 22, 2002 Board meeting.

BUILDING/ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the building permit fee as requested by the Ceres United Methodist Church in the amount of \$17.45, the building permit fee for an addition and an electrical upgrade

permit fee as requested by the Pine Grove Methodist Church in the amount of \$30.30 and the building permit fee as requested by the Bland County Historical Society in the amount of \$104.72 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

COURTHOUSE ADDITION/RENOVATION BID OPENING DELAYED

The County Administrator advised that the bid opening for the courthouse addition/renovation project had been moved to October 1, 2002 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the main courtroom and noted that the opening is open to the public.

BLAND COUNTY LAND TAX BOOK ON INTERNET

The County Administrator advised the Board that the Bland County land book is now complete and that he will contact John Dodson and request that this information be put on the Bland County website that is maintained by the Rocky Gap High School staff/students.

VA FIRST REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to appoint Wade Blankenship to the four year term expiring June 30, 2006 and Robert Munsey to the two year term expiring June 30, 2004 to the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority to comply with the change in the Authority's by-laws as recommended by Robert Munsey.

2002 VACO VOTING CREDENTIALS

*****MOTION that Mr. Chandler be allowed to cast any votes for Bland County at the 2002 VACO annual meeting to be held at the Homestead in November 2002 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler abstaining and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel and legal matter was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler and Wade Blankenship absent from meeting.

“Move to return to Regular Session and adopt the following certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler and Danny Kinder voting yes.

CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date

pursuant to an affirmative-recorded vote and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 1 and 3 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bland County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

E9-1-1 ORDINANCE ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADD ROAD NAMES

Present: Frank Chandler, Danny Kinder and Robert Munsey

Absent: Wade Blankenship

Also Present: Ron Hachey - County Administrator and Carol J. Hall - Secretary

Others Present: E9-1-1 Coordinator Katie Gamble, Committee Members Judy Cassell, Jerry

Dunn, Jeff Dunn, Lisa Hall, Carla Mustard, Keith Niday and Mary Justus and a large group of citizens

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Frank Chandler opened the public hearing noting that the purpose was to receive public input on an amendment to the Road Naming Ordinance that will add the list of proposed road names to it.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Paradise Haven Subdivision resident Laura Carroll expressed her desire that the proposed Paradise Haven Dr. be changed to Brushy Mtn Dr.

Joann Scott approached the Board with the desire to have Rt. 604 named Crackers Neck based upon at least a 60-year history of her knowing it by that name.

Linda Strouse Pulley, a Rt. 42 resident, requested that Rt. 1011 that is proposed as Industrial Drive be changed to Strouse Drive because of her family's donation of the road right-of-way to serve the industrial park.

Carolyn Bane, resident of Rt. 42 East requested that Rt. 42 East be changed from Mt. View to Sky Dusky Valley Rd or Blue Grass Trail East based upon historical records.

Josephine Stowers, resident of Rt. 42 East, requested that it not be named Mt. View, but instead be named Blue Grass Trail.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

*****MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting.

ROAD NAME LIST ADDED TO THE ROAD NAMING ORDINANCE

*****MOTION to add the list of road names to the Road Naming Ordinance as proposed except with the following changes: 1) Rd. 42 to Blue Grass Trail East and Blue Grass Trail West, 2) Rt. 638 to Wright Mtn., 3) Rt. 680 to Brushy Mtn. Dr., 4) the former Brushy Mtn. Ln. to Shadowood Ln., 5) Rt. 1011 to Industry Dr. and 6) an addition of Clemons Ln. was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Wade Blankenship absent from the meeting. A copy of the road names is on file with the Board's September 2002 packet.

CONTINUANCE OF MEETING

Chairman Chandler announced that this meeting would be continued on October 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. to review the bids and award the contract for the courthouse addition/renovation project.

Frank Chandler, Chairman

Ron Hachey, Clerk